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A WORD of ADVICE TO THE AUTHOR OF THAT Scurrilous and Seditious LIBEL, ENTITULED,

No Protestant-Plot.

THe Author of that *Seditious* Libel called *No Protestant-Plot*, in it pretended to perswade the World into a belief that he is a man desirous of God's Honour, and of the Safety of the King; a Zealotour for the *Protestant Religion*, (though an Abhorrer of *Bishops*;) a Lover of his King, and the present Government; yet in the same Libel he arraigns the one, and rails at the other, (a Crime not to be thought of, without horrour and astonishment;) but since he cannot be so ignorant and void of reason, as to think that any man that ever read the Libel, (except a *Phanatick*) can believe any such Desire, Zeal or Love can be found in, or with him, that endeavoured so much to corrupt and poyson His Majesty's Subjects. It may not therefore seem strange unto him, much less offensive, (if a *Protestant*) that a *True* and *Loyal Protestant* do put his helping hand, to shew this *Phanatical Libeller*, not only the great malice of his zealous Enterprize, but also the way that may lead him to a better light, more Love and Loyalty to his King, more Reverence and Obedience to his Ministers and Government; For as between the Flint and Steel, being stricken together, Fire doth fly out, so Judgments and Wits contending, the light of right Knowledge and *Loyalty* must needs appear; such light once appearing, Truth, Falshood and Hypocrisie, either of them, is soon perceived.

Now this Godly Author, in his Seditious Libel, has taken great pains, used no Art, but *Phanatical*; no Rhetorick, but *Puritannical*; multiplied Allegations without number, hunted after Common Fame beyond all Modesty, and entred into digressions, not caring how or what; all not only to make a shew of Learning, but hoping thereby to corrupt, alienate and prepare the Peoples Hearts for a second Rebellion

againſt our moſt Gracious King, (who in his Clemency and great Mercy (with all due ſubmiſſion to him) was, and is too favourable to all *Phanatical Libellers*, as well as *Phanatical Preachers*;) and alſo to diſgrace and weaken the Credit of the King's preſent Witneſſes, and to deter others from appearing, with and by the moſt improbable, moſt notorious and falſe occaſions, hatched and framed by the ungrateful Dr. *TO.* (and no Scholar) and alſo (to give you your own Phraſe) by that beggerly *Iriſh* Raſcal, and great Villain, *E. E.* which will be ſufficiently proved (to his own knowledge and confuſion) by ſome of the Greateſt, and beſt Quality in *England*: How well, by what Art and Puritannical ſleight this *Iriſh* Tiege begged his Bread ſince his coming into *England*, I need not inform the Libeller, nor his Party, who very well know it, to their Coſt) as well as before among other Beggers in *Paris*, at the Back-doors of the *Jeſuits* Colledges and Nunneries, with his Earthen Pipkin, begging for a little ſup and ſome few ſcraps for a Poor Scholar, (and a Gentleman) who was baniſhed his Countrey for his Religion. The Libeller (whether it was out of diſreſpect to theſe two notorious Falſe Accuſers *O.* and *E. E.* or Ignorance in himſelf, I know not) throughout his whole Libel made uſe of *Billingſgate* Language only; a Language I remember not that any other Writer, except *Phanaticks*, and ſuch like ungodly people, ever uſed before.

In this Zealous and Phanatical Enterprize the Libeller ſeems to take great pleaſure, of it to make great Vaunts, by it to win the Credit and Perſwaſion, not only of the *E. of S.* but of all men, (I mean all Diſloyal men:) On the contrary, (I ſay) it's ſufficient alone, if truly and impartially conſidered, and commented upon, not only to diſcredit his *Perſon*, but confound his *Party*, and tell the World they would willingly be at the old Game of *Forty* and *Forty One* again: What can then remain, but that this Libeller is not to be credited, nor his *Factious Party* to be tollerated? and why? Becauſe the Execrable and Infamous memory of the Uſurpation, Tyranny, Barbarity of the *Phanatical Party* (or, if you will, of our late *Proteſtant Diſſenters*) is daily renewed, in one Libel or other) by our preſent *Proteſtant Diſſenters*, beſides what the Libel *No Proteſtant Plot* contains, though it ſelf is ſufficient to ſtrike the Reader with Indignation, and horrour of the whole Sect, it being ſtuffed with Lyes, Threatenings, and incongruous falſe Notions and Stories: He therefore muſt needs be a man of very ſlender obſervation and experience in the World, who is not aſtoniſhed, as well as ſurprized and ſtartled, at the unparallel'd Impudence and grand Villany of this Libeller and his whole Party; for there ſcarce paſſes a day without a Libel againſt either King, Church or Government; which evidently ſhews their wicked Deſigns, and confirms all men of Piety and Loyalty, that this Libeller and his Party make it their only buſineſs to raiſe a partition between the King and his People, and alſo to deprive them of their chiefeſt Comfort, and Earthly Felicity, *The gracious Favour, and good Opinion of their King*, and ſo create unto all Loyal People a Hell upon Earth, and bring the whole Kingdom a ſecond time into a Confuſion, under the colour of Religion, Fears of *Popery* and *Arbitrary Government*. Were not theſe the pretended Complaints and Grievances of the old time? Yes, and this day alſo: We may then juſtly, and without blame, ſuſpect theſe our preſent *Phanaticks*, who (like *Samſon*'s Foxes) are tied together by the Tail of Sedition, aim at no leſs Villany and Deſtruction than their Predeceſſors have acted, to their eternal ſhame and reproach, as well as to their Followers, who (like undermining Engineers) pretend to joyn with the Church of *England* againſt Popery; But this ſpetious and Phanatical Pretenſion, which proceeds only from a Fermentation of the old Leaven, (my Friends) will not take with any that is converſant with Hiſtory, where your common Doctrine, Principles and Practice are demonſtrated to be as pernicious, if not far more deſtructive to Monarchical Government, than the moſt deſperate Principles of the *Papiſts*: I may juſtly ſay to the Libeller and his *Party* what the Prophet

Prophet ſaid, *Accurſed be them that call Evil Good, and Good Evil*; (Iſa. 5.) *who call Truth Untruth, and perſwade Untruth for Truth*: And alſo take him to be one of them which the Apoſtle ſaith ſhall come in the latter days, *uttering Lyes in Hypocriſie*. 1 Tim. 4. For what greater Hypocriſie is there, then to charge Untruths, and to impugn the Truth with the colour of Truth, (the only thing that promoted and cauſed the laſt Rebellion) as the Libeller doth; He is then certainly one of them whom the Prophet deſcribeth, ſaying, *We have put our Confidence in Lying, and Lyes have been our ſafe-guard.* This ſaying of the holy Prophet may alſo well be attributed to a certain Doctor of Phyſick, (a Relation as I ſuppoſe of the Libeller, at leaſt in Religion, and in Accuſing alike) who lately appeared in publick, (with an intimate Friend of his now) and there gave a Pill, which he formerly with aſſeverations ſaid he never knew of, nor could compoſe it, much leſs ever gave any ſuch Pill to *A. B.*

If I ſhould here put you in mind particularly of all the Crimes and Lyes which I noted in your Libel, what Crime or Lye is there of an honeſt, diſcreet and upright Loyal Writer and Subject, that you have not incurred, and either ignorantly or wilfully committed, both againſt your King, Common Juſtice, and Chriſtian Charity: Your over-ſights touching *Oates*'s proſecuting Mr. *Dugdale*, Mr. *Turbervile* and Mr. *Smith* are many and malitious, and your belief as large and as malignant as of the greateſt Villain that ever ſucked *Phanatick Principles*; all which in due time will ſufficiently appear, to your eternal ſhame, and *Oates*'s grand Confuſion, being ſhameleſs, and as void of Grace as Learning, (if not in Plotting, and ſpeaking *Lyes in Hypocriſie*;) But you (Libeller) I confeſs have a *Phanatical* ſleight in multiplying your Allegations, and furniſhing your Libel with moſt falſe Accuſations, and the moſt improbable Stories, not caring how, or what, or where you had them, ſo that ſo many ſheets of Paper were but ſtuffed up with any ſort of traſh, and Diſloyal Expreſſions, an action becoming a *Phanatick*, and a Call for ſilly Birds, who offer at any Bait, but ſee not the Hook of Falſhood and Untruth, wherewith you Choke and Murder them, as your Predeceſſors did the beſt of Kings. But now, the Vizard being plucked off, what Ignorance can you pretend, or what colour of Excuſe can you deviſe, when called upon to the Bar of Juſtice, for your Scandalous and Seditious Libel, (omitting your other lewd and diſloyal Practices,) I am as yet to learn.

Your manner of writing is beſides all this ſo diſſolute, looſe and Diſloyal, that in many places you are found contrary to your ſelf; ſometimes in plain terms to confute your ſelf, at other times, by the malicious force of your own reaſoning, to write meer Contradictions; For a view of particular Examples in each one of theſe faults, I remit you to a review of your own Libel, it being but narrow; and to our *Law*-Books, which you pretend to know and underſtand.

The manner of your reaſoning is ſo beſide all Reaſon, and ſo far from *Loyalty* and Truth, which you ſo much pretend to, that from thence the moſt illiterate (if *Loyal*) may juſtly, and without any inferenee, infer a number of of lewd and diſloyal Conſequences, which by the force of your diſloyal and corrupted Heart and malicious Inclination, muſt needs be concluded, no leſs malignant and diſloyal than thoſe which your Predeceſſors hatched and framed, for the promotion of the laſt Rebellion: Notwithſtanding, I grant that thoſe which are to be found in your *Libel*, are rightly yours, aud of your make in good earneſt.

Now, what ſhall I call that in you, groſs Ignorance, or wilful Malice, when you moſt notoriouſly, and with unheard Impudence, endeavoured to ſlander His Majeſties moſt Honourable and moſt *Loyal* Subjects, the E. *H.* L. *H.* Sir *L. J.* and Mr. *S.*

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This your lewd and disloyal dealing, your open and manifest ill corrupted Design in scoring aud charging of untruths upon such Loyal (nay to use your own Phrase, the best of Majesties) Subjects, cannot (I appeal to your own Conscience) proceed of any Zeal to Truth, or Love either to King or Government, no more than the appearing of a certain Doctor of Physick at Court out of meer *Loyalty*.

You (*Libeller*) have also reflected on that Worthy and approved Loyal Gentleman Sir *G. J.* for saying that Mr. *Smith* was a *Learned* man; which I dare affirm, and promise, that Mr. *Smith* is ready, willing and desirous to discourse any *Phanatick* in any point of *Learning*, and especially that *Phanatick* whom you pretend to have written his Book. But admit he were not; hath your your observing Sir *G. G.* saying so, and mentioning his Name with derision in your *Libel*, on your part, any colour or appearance of love or zeal for the Truth, or for King and Government, which all the World seeth not? And you did it not only to lessen the Reputation of Mr. *Smith*, (to whom you dare not mention one angry word face to face) whom you and all *Phanaticks* formerly adored, but to deface and to lessen Sir *G. G.* whom otherwise you, nor all the *Phanaticks*, can with any force of good Reason, any *Learning*, Truth or Probability, lessen either his Credit, natural or acquired Parts, much less his Loyalty; for which, as it is too apparent, and believed by the best of men, you all *Phanaticks* abhor him.

In this your singular device of scoring up false Accusations and Reflections upon the Kings best and Loyal Subjects, you are no way come short, much less inferiour in Villany and Malice to the worst of men; You therefore that thus so many ways have betrayed your ill corrupted inclinations, and disloyal Heart, intending to corrupt and poyson the Hearts of His Majesty's People, to blemish not only great Ministers of State, and the King's Witnesses, but the King Himself, and that with unheard Impudence, and with no less Crime then Subornation. I cannot but say to you, and of you, what was once said in the great Senate of *Rome* to a dissolute and riotous young man, declaring most bitterly against Vertue and Justice: *Quis te ferat cenantem ut* Crassus, *Ædificantem ut* Lucullus, *loquentem ut* Cato. That is. Who can abide thee, to lavish in sumptuous Building, as *Lucullus*, to riot in Banquetting, as *Crassus*, and yet to talk as bitterly as another *Cato*; which he certainly deserved for his great disrespect, extreme dissimulation and wretched hypocrisie: So deserve you (*Libeller*) in the estimation of all *Loyal* men, to be taken not only for a great dissembler, and a Hypocrite, but also for the most disloyal of mankind, and therefore not to be abided.

I conclude, and pray you to remember, that fault-finders ought of all right to be faultless; and that Accusers should always be blameless. Remember also the Holy Scripture, that speaketh thus unto you: *Thou Hypocrite, cast first the Beam out of thine own eye, and then thou shalt see to pick out the Mote of thy Brothers Eye*, Matth. 7.

Having thus laid open before you your many aud great Villanies, and disloyal perswasions, hoping that you will alter and amend what is amiss; which I heartily wish, and only pray you will affix your Name to the *Libel* called *No Protestant-Plot*, and your Friend will affix his to an Answer.

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